

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: June 14, 2015

Agenda Item: Apprentice Hunter Certificate Administrative and Annual Rule

Division: Communication and Education

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

The 2015 Legislature passed HB 140 creating an Apprentice Hunting Certificate available for people 10 through 17 years of age who have not completed hunter education. The Commission needs to clarify specifics included in the statute:

- the process for designating and identifying a mentor
- the number of apprentices a mentor can supervise while hunting
- "sight of and direct voice contact with apprentice hunter"
- how completion of a hunter education course is defined for an apprentice hunter

Due to timing issues, FWP recommends that an annual and administrative rule be proposed simultaneously. The annual rule, which can be adopted more quickly than an administrative rule, would be used to implement the statute until the administrative rule is adopted. The annual rule will expire upon approval of an administrative rule.

Public Involvement Process & Results

FWP will initiate public involvement, per rule making requirements, upon Commission approval of the proposed rules.

Alternatives & Analysis

Failure to propose rules clarifying the statute will cause problems with consistency of enforcement and confusion among the public.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends the Commission approve the proposed rule language to clarify the requirements of being a mentor to an apprentice hunter and how completion of a hunter education course is defined for an apprentice hunter.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Commission propose an annual rule and an administrative rule clarifying the requirements of a mentor to an apprentice hunter and how completion of a hunter education course is defined for an apprentice hunter.